# Camden Town Crier

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# **Postal Resident** Camden, DE 19934



November – December 2007

# Mayor & Council

Robert Mooney, Mayor James Plumley, III, Vice Mayor Mark Babbitt, Councilman Robert Hawkins, Councilman Richard Snyder, Councilman

#### Town Hall Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

#### <u>Holidays</u>

Town Hall will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

Thanksgiving – November 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Christmas – December 25th New Year – January 1st



#### Leaf Collection

The Town of Camden will offer leaf collection on the following days:

**North:** December  $3^{rd} - 7^{th}$ **South:** December  $10^{th} - 14^{th}$ Alternate date - December 17th - 21st Please make sure all leaves are raked to the curb and not in the roadway.

#### **Snow Maintenance**

accordance with Ordinance #81 'Snow Removal', it shall be the duty of every owner, tenant and/or occupant in charge of any premises fronting on any public street or alley to remove all snow and ice from sidewalks within 24 hours following the time of the deposit.

**REMINDER:** Shoveling snow into the roadway is prohibited! Fines shall be incurred by violators.

## Code Enforcement

The Town of Camden Code Enforcement Officer is responsible for enforcing all of the Town's Ordinances including the 2006 International Property Maintenance Code, and shall include regulating property maintenance, litter and unregistered and/or abandoned vehicles. For more information or to register a complaint please call Harold Scott, Jr. at (302) 697-7313.

#### **Business Licenses**

All businesses operating within the town limits are required to submit a completed Town of Camden business license application, a current State of Delaware business license and a current Certificate of Liability Insurance, per Ordinance #2007-104 of the Town of Camden.

## Rental License



In accordance with Camden Ordinance #2007-101, all rental properties operating within the town limits are required to submit a completed Town of Camden residential / commercial rental license application.

#### **Building Permits**

The Town of Camden residents must ha a permit from the Town before any work done to a home. This includes fences ar or sheds. A building permit ensures the work is done in compliance with the 20 International Building Code. This al ensures that each phase of construction inspected.

# **Christmas Party**

Mayor and Council cordially invite you to join us at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Town of Camden Christmas Party.

Where: Nellie Hughes Stokes

Elementary School, 3874

Upper King Road

When: Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**RSVP**: 697-2299 by Dec 7<sup>th</sup> to

ensure a gift from Santa.

Enjoy refreshments while listening to music and waiting the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus who will distribute gifts to all of the Town's children.

**NOTE**: This event is for residents of the Town of Camden only.

# Police Department

261 E. Camden Wyoming Ave. Camden, DE 19934

Tel: (302) 698-9232 Fax: (302) 697-2358



#### **EMERGENCY: 911**

#### Department Hours

#### **Administrative Office**

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

#### Patrol

24 hours / 7 days a week

# **Holidays**

The Town of Camden Police Administrative Office will be **closed** in observance of the following holidays:

Thanksgiving – November 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Christmas – December 25<sup>th</sup> New Year – January 1<sup>st</sup>

# Chief's Message

As the winter holiday season approaches typically there will be an increase in criminal activity. We would like to offer the following safety tips to ensure your holidays are enjoyable.

If you are away from home during the holidays:

- 1. Lock all windows and doors
- 2. Have a friend or neighbor pick up your mail and newspapers
- 3. Leave a light on during the evening hours
- 4. Leave a radio on so the house sounds occupied
- 5. Keep window coverings closed in areas where someone can easily look into your home
- 6. Stop by the Police Department and complete a house check form so that our officers know you are away and can check your house

# While shopping:

- 1. Park in a well lit area
- 2. Have your keys ready before you enter the vehicle
- 3. Use shopping carts to carry packages so your arms aren't loaded
- 4. Scan the lot as you walk to your vehicle
- 5. Look inside your vehicle before you get in, if something doesn't look right, walk away and call 911
- 6. Upon entering your vehicle, if you see a piece of paper on the windshield or back window, drive to a well occupied area before you attempt to retrieve it.

In addition, please exercise caution when utilizing the roadways, either as a pedestrian or a driver as snow removal equipment may soon be on the roadways!

# Comprehensive <u>Plan</u> Committee



Clmn. Mark Babbitt, Chairman Merrit Burke, Resident Mark Dyer, CWSWA Commissioner Angi Dula, Resident Ken Fuchs, Board of Adjustment Bruce King, Business Owner Jeffrey Lewin, Planning Commission Laura van Rooten, Resident

The Town of Camden wishes to extend a warm thank you to the Comprehensive Plan Committee for their outstanding efforts during the rewrite of the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on November 28, 2007 at 7:00 pm at Camden Wyoming Sewer &

Water Authority at which time a formal presentation of official rewrite of the Comprehensive Plan will be made to the public, neighboring municipalities and representatives of Kent County Levy Court.

#### Election

The Town of Camden will hold the Annual Election on Saturday, February 23, 2008.

## Notice of Solicitation of Candidate Seats and Terms Available

- 1. Mayoral Seat (2 year term)
- 2. Council Seat (3 year term)

# Qualifications for Declaring Candidacy

- 1. Each candidate shall notify the Town Council in writing of his or her candidacy for office not earlier then Monday, December 3, 2007 and not later than Friday, January 25, 2008.
- 2. Town Hall will be open until 8:00 pm on Wednesday, January 16, 2008 for candidates to file.

# Qualifications Required for Eligibility

- You must be a resident of the Town of Camden for a least one
  year next preceding the Annual Municipal Election
- 2. At least 18 years of age
- 3. Be non-delinquent in his/her uncontested Town taxes
- 4. Each of the qualifications shall be continued to hold office and the failure of any qualifications required by this section during his/her term of office shall create a vacancy in the office.

#### Absentee Ballot

Please contact Town Hall at 697-2299 for absentee ballot qualifications.

#### Voter Registration

Anyone wishing to vote in the election must register with the State of Delaware Department of Elections prior to February 3, 2008.

#### Website



The new and improved Town of Camden website will be available no later than January 1, 2008.